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## FTA Board Upholds Democracy, Right to Free Speech in CIO

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Declaring that a "crisis faces the entire membership of all the international unions affiliated to the CIO," the FTA Intl. Executive Board this week unanimously adopted a resolution pledging itself and appealing to the FTA membership to "fight for autonomy and democracy within CIO."

**The resolution warned that recent dictatorial acts of national CIO leaders "are completely destroying the progressive, militant and democratic character of CIO." It called for a return to the "policies and program that made CIO great."**

Main question, the Board said, is "not whether any particular member agrees or disagrees with a particular policy of CIO. The main question here is the right of the FTA membership to determine its own policies and own programs."

In other resolutions the Board took action on Taft-Hartley and other legislation, world labor unity, aid to farmers and a number of other issues of concern to FTA members.

The Board strongly supported the fight of Intl. Longshoremen's President Harry Bridges and other ILWU officers against fourth round government attempts to frame them on old charges. It called on Attorney-General Tom Clark to drop the charges and urged CIO President Philip Murray to join in defense of the union leaders.

**The Board also called on Murray to make his attitude clear on the various Senate amendments to the Thomas-Lesinski bill that have restored most of the Taft-Hartley provisions to the measure.**

FTA Local 166 holds its labor school in Marshalltown, Ia. Members attending (from left) are: Paul Gardner (Regional Director), Paul Moore, James Yordy, Lester Olsen (Local President), Oscar Stenberg, Irene Lordy, Thoda Stewart, Mabel Stegman, Marvel Robinson, Addie Duns and Elizabeth Dost. Absent when picture was taken were Palmer Peterson and Howard Prim.

FTA regional conferences play an important role in working out union program and policies and carrying them to the rank and file. Here is the recent conference of Region IV, which took up such matters as world peace, Taft-Hartley repeal, wage and hour legislation, combatting the speedup and raising wages.

## 186 Wins 15c Increase

Workers at Western Stevedore in Philadelphia, Pa., won a 15 cents an hour straight across the board raise in the contract just renewed by FTA Local 186. With other gains, the increase figures out at close to 20 cents.

Other gains included three weeks vacation after 10 years in the plant, an increase in the mill bonus from 60 to 65 cents, and a 20 cent raise from $2.70 to $2.90 for carpenters.

**One of the main provisions in the contract prohibits layoffs for the purpose of making up the increase to the company.**

A tabulation of increases won at the plant since FTA Local 186 organized there in 1945 shows a total of 73 cents an hour in the four year period. Ten cents was won in the first contract in 1945. Eighteen cents plus job classifications was won in 1946; 15 cents in 1947; 10 cents in 1948 and now the average of 20 in 1949.

**Members of the negotiating committee were Charles D. Hughes, chairman; George Kimmel, George Spor, Al Zekas, Tony Weimer, Melvin Ratteree, Dick Salles, Gus Primbramsky and Joseph Gaimpetro. Local 186 Bus. Agent George Ardelean assisted.**

## Calpak Workers Win

Making a breakthrough in the canners' united front against wage increases, workers at the Rochelle, Ill. plant of the California Packing Corp. won a four cent across the board raise plus other substantial gains in the new contract negotiated by FTA Local 17.

The raise is applicable to seasonable and non-seasonal workers alike, and carries five weeks retroactivity with it. The company has also agreed to review all merit range rates in compliance with union grievance procedure. This is expected to result in a large number of increases to individuals.

The workers will also get two more paid holidays, raising the total to six per year. The checkoff is made irrevocable for all employees.

The contract was won despite efforts of AFL Teamster agents to raid the union. Teamster goons were brought in from California in the attempt to disrupt, but were unsucessful.

**The negotiating committee was headed by Local President Edward Mears, and included Art Eglund, Chester and Ben LaHue, August Engelkes, James Comb, Arthur Holstrom, Merril Denny and Scotty McCrea. They were assisted by Regional Director Paul Gardner, Organizer Robert Buse and FTA Research Director Joseph Califf.**

## FTA Delegates Tell US Officials Facts of Life

Delegates from FTA and other progressive unions in North Carolina went to Washington this week to tell their Senators and other government officials some of the facts of a worker's life in their state today.

**Main issues on their mind were steps to head off the coming depression, civil rights, the Taft-Hartley law and the rest of the program lavishly promised to the voters by the Democrats last November.**

Highlight of the delegation was a visit to President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, who heard a detailed account of unemployment, short time and threatening wage cuts in the tobacco, furniture, textile, leather and other industries of North Carolina.

The President's Council listened to the delegates for an hour and a half, later complimenting them on the way in which they presented their facts.

**The Council's plans to deal with the situation, however, were somewhat less definite. As FTA member Annie Little of Greenville, N. C., put it, all the Council would say was: "We're looking into it."**

The group made two main proposals to the Council for

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Score on Congress

# Sellout on Wage Hour

*by Elizabeth Sasuly*

Even after the sellout on Taft-Hartley was clear for all to see, many people thought that the Democratic administration would surely carry out its promise to raise the federal minimum wage to 75 cents an hour and do away with the exemptions in the wage hour law which exclude millions of workers from its provisions.

**Now it is apparent that the deal on the wage hour law is just as dirty as that on Taft-Hartley. The reason is simple. What is involved here is not "necessary compromises" that go into the passing of any legislation—although some labor representatives who don't sneeze without asking the administration's permission may try to sell you this bill of goods. What's going on isn't smart strategy by the administration. It's surrender.**

That may sound like a pretty stupid way for a bunch of Democratic politicians to plan on getting back into office. But these politicians, from the top down, are so uninterested in the people's needs that they figure it this way: "Taft-Hartley, civil rights, etc., were good issues and got us elected in 1948. If nothing is done in the 81st Congress, we will go back to the people in 1950, and 1952, and tell them we tried hard, but the forces against us were so strong we just couldn't do it. So, send us back (in 1950 and 1952) and we'll try again."

That's why President Truman can't see any need now to barnstorm the country and take the fight on these issues to the people, as President Roosevelt used to do.

### Since January

Here's the story of what has happened on the wage hour issue since January:

● It took an all-out fight by FTA to get a wage hour bill introduced in the House which cut out the overtime exemptions and covered at least some agricultural workers, (HR 2033). This was supposed to be the administration bill. But Secretary of Labor Tobin met with the Democratic members of the House Labor Committee and told them they had to leave agricultural workers out. The Democratic dictator of the House, Speaker Rayburn (D., Texas), told the committee members that he wouldn't support the bill unless they cut out agricultural workers and put in exemptions for food, tobacco, and cotton processing workers.

● The Labor Committee knuckled under. It reported out a new bill (HR 3190, Lesinski, D., Mich.). Since April 28, this bill has been ready for House action. The bill leaves out agricultural workers and gives the processing industries 14 weeks a year during which they can work 10 hours a day and 50 hours a week without paying any overtime. Just for extra, the Secretary of Labor was authorized to give the canning and fresh fruit and vegetable packing industries a six weeks additional overtime exemption. This was supposed to line up the vote of Rep. Lucas (D. Texas) in the committee. It didn't.

**At this point, you might have expected the Democratic leadership to go out and fight for its compromise bill. But no. The House Democratic Whip, Percy Priest (D. Tenn.), immediately cavassed all Democratic members for support of a 65 cent minimum wage without any other changes in the law to eliminate exemptions.**

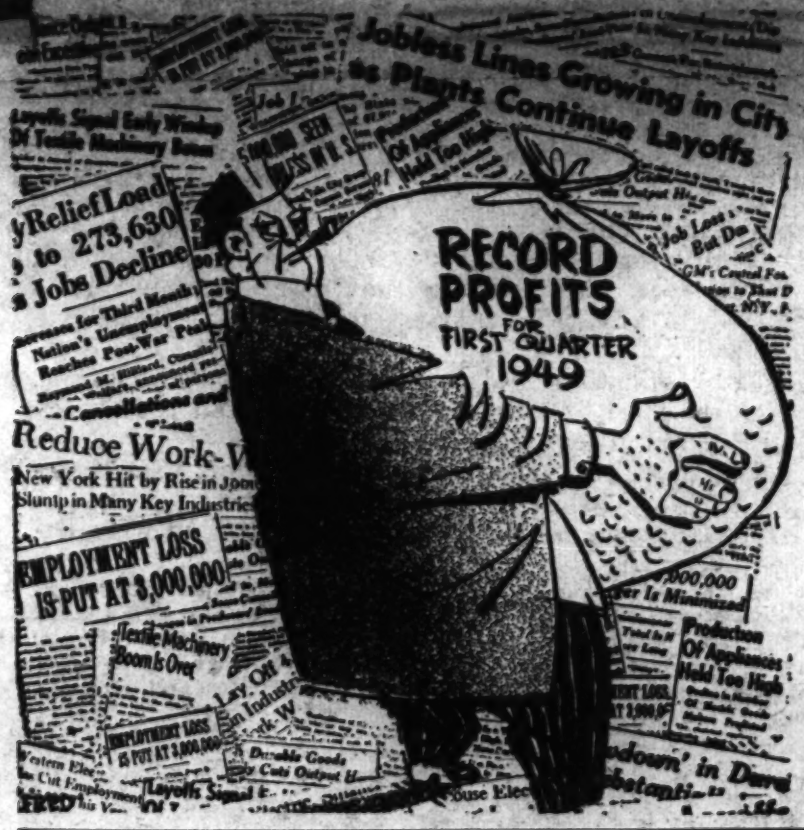
**All this time (up until the middle of April), it had been expected that Taft-Hartley would come up first in the Senate and wage hour first in the House. Now the signals were switched because the T-H situation was so bad in the Senate. You all know the results of the Taft-Hartley fight in the House.**

On the same day that the Wood bill was sent back to Committee, Rep. Lesinski, chairman of the House Labor Committee, gave up the ghost on the wage hour bill. He said that to prevent a repetition of what happened on Taft-Hartley, the administration had better go for a 60 cent minimum wage bill with nothing else in it. On second thought, he introduced a new bill (HR 4552) for a 75-cent minimum and nothing else.

On June 15, the policy of surrender paid off. Chairman Lesinski decided to get committee action on his 75 cent bill—with nothing else in it, instead of asking for House action on HR 3190. The 75 cent minimum was lost on a 10-10 tie vote with two committee members voting present and three absent. Rep. Bailey (D., W. Va.) said he voted "present" because he couldn't stomach dumping elimination of exemptions and all the other points to which the Administration was committed.

**During all this time, there has not been a word from the leadership of CIO on the shenanigans taking place on the wage hour bill.**

*... Any member of FTA can write the last sentence to this column the next time he goes in to negotiate a contract and has the overtime exemptions thrown up to him.*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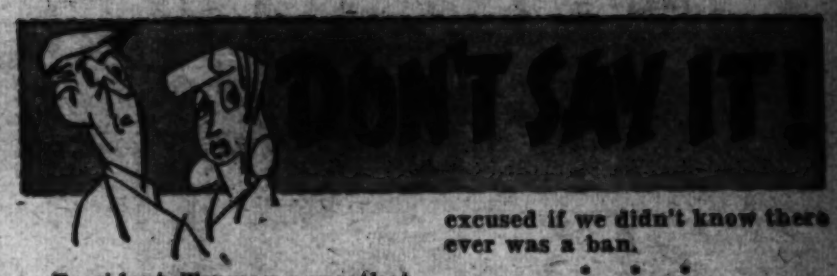


President Truman says that nation is in the grip of hysteria over reds, and adds that his administration has nothing to do with it. This—in the face of the heresy trial against Communist Party leaders in New York, in the face of the fourth round persecution of Harry Bridges, in the face of the deportation drives against hundreds of union leaders, in the face of . . . well, in the face of the fact that Truman himself kicked off the current witch-hunts as far back as 1946, when he issued the "loyalty order" against government workers.

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**Truman also says he'll bounce anyone in his administration who contributes to the red hysteria. He might start with his attorney general Tom Clark, his FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, his administration leaders in Congress—and work back slowly from there to himself.**

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Textile workers Union announces no wage increases will be asked in cotton and rayon mills—news item. Two weeks ago the same news was announced for another group of textile workers. After a while the leaders of the union will run out of workers to refuse to ask wage increases for.

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**The U. S. Federal Communications Commission has lifted the ban on editorializing over the radio. Judging from the anti-labor blasts from Fulton Lewis Jr., and 99.44 percent of the rest of them, we will be excused if we didn't know there ever was a ban.**

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The Natl. Canners Assn. wants the government to let it export substandard food. According to association head T. H. Austern, "it's a matter of taste. Sometimes foreigners like different recipes." You can just imagine a delighted foreigner smacking his lips over a can of off-quality soup as he gets his ptomaine the American way. Perhaps he can be trained to revise the singing commercial to "m . . . m . . . m . . . BAD!"

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**National CIO says new amendments to Taft-Hartley are not "crippling." All they do is provide seizure of struck plants, a new and tougher "non-communist" oath, make unions liable to "unfair" charges for refusal to bargain, etc. How many of labor's arms and legs does Congress have to break before it gets to be crippling?**

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The House is debating a bill to provide 1,500,000 new houses in the next seven years. All you have to do if you're outside that first million and a half is go on living with the folks another seven years, put off having that baby another seven years, go on living in that slum another seven years . . . by that time we'll all be dead anyway and we won't need houses.

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And if you don't believe it coming from the NAM, just ask the majority leaders in CIO. They'll really prove it to you.

### CORRECTION

In the May issue of FTA News credit for winning a 10 cent increase at the Armour plant in Bloomer, Wis., was incorrectly given. The local winning the contract and defeating an AFL Teamster raid was Local 24, not 40 as stated in FTA News.

# FTA 'Deeply Alarmed At Compromise And Surrender' In Senate T-H Debates

**FTA is "deeply alarmed at the atmosphere of compromise and surrender in which Senate consideration of Taft-Hartley is taking place," the Intl. Executive Board wired to CIO President Philip Murray from its meeting in Philadelphia this week.**

**The message, signed by all the union's international officers and board members, asked Murray to issue a public statement on "what your position is on each and all of the five Douglas amendments to the Thomas-Lesinski bill."**

The Douglas amendments "taken as a whole would reenact the basic philosophy and provisions of the Taft-Hartley law," the FTA wire said. "The amendment providing for government seizure in so-called national emergency strikes is a strike-breaking proposal," the wire added.

**"As you are well aware, it would allow the use of injunctions such as that applied to the coal miners under the President's wartime powers, while resorting to the transparent device of permitting use of the hated word injunction.**

"The non-communist affidavit proposed in the Douglas amendments not only is broader in its application to unions than the present Taft-Hartley law, but is also a brazen invitation to government dictation of union constitutions and their enforcement."

*(The Douglas proposal would excuse unions that already discriminate against their members or officers on political grounds from signing affidavits. It thus puts a premium on an anti-democratic union practice. FTA does not discriminate in any may.)*

### Lewis Charges Not Met

The FTA wire bluntly declared that President Murray's reply to the John L. Lewis charges "that national CIO has secretly accepted these amendments does not satisfactorily meet the issue.

**"It does not answer the immediate legislative situation created by the introduction of these amendments and their support by the Democratic leadership to say that there have been 'no secret agreements to accept oppressive amendments to the Thomas-Lesinski bill' by CIO.**

"Your wire (to the Senators in reply to Lewis's charge) is creating confusion as to the position of CIO on the Douglas amendments in the minds of Senators considering the legislation and does not serve to clarify CIO's position to the membership or to the public."

**The Board's message to Murray—which had not been answered as FTA News went to press—detailed FTA support for all-out repeal of Taft-Hartley and restoration of the Wagner act, saying:**

"Our convention supported complete repeal of Taft-Hartley and restoration of the Wagner act. While we have supported the Thomas-Lesinski bill which repeals Taft-Hartley with some amendments to the Wagner act, we have also, of course, given support to such proposals as the Marcantonio substitute for the Wood bill proposing complete Taft-Hartley repeal and reinstatement of the Wagner act. We will continue to support any Congressional move for outright repeal of Taft-Hartley."

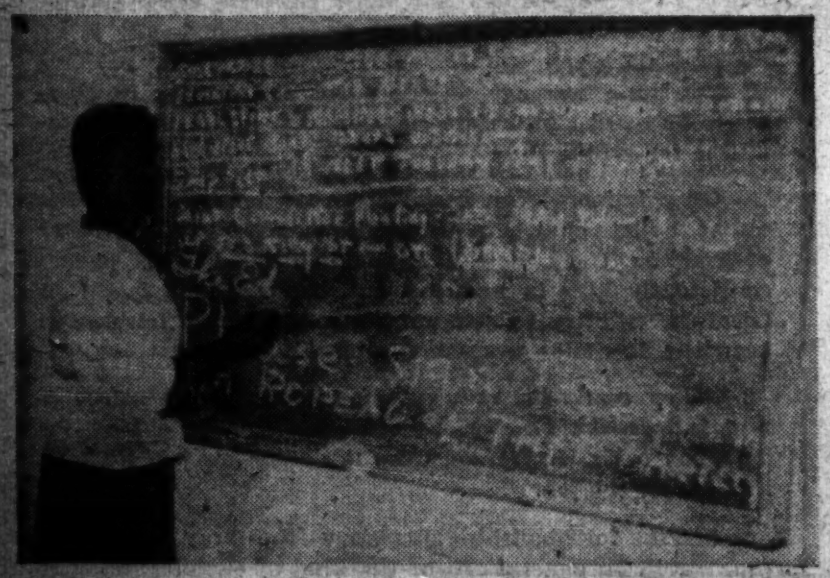
The wire also pointed out that "the unity of the labor movement which had existed in support of full Taft-Hartley repeal has been broken. In the face of outright betrayal by the Democratic administration of its election mandate to repeal Taft-Hartley, the ranks of labor are split."

# An FTA Local at Work

This and other pictures below show the daily work of one FTA local—Local 15 at Charleston, S. C. Here co-vice-chairman Odell Bates writes a wire on Taft-Hartley.

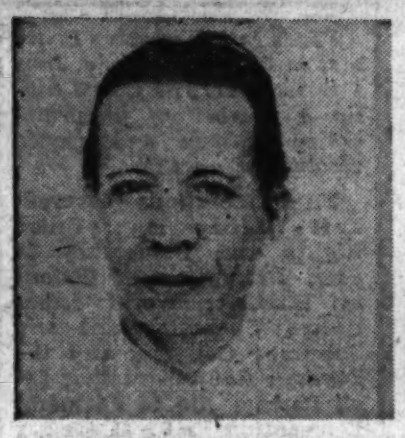
Local 15 co-chairman John Cummings looks over the agenda for a Local 15 executive board meeting in Charleston.

Waiting for a shop stewards meeting to start are Nan Carter, Corine Houston, Andrew Hicks, and in rear row, Mae Hiott, Ella Collins and Local 15 co-chairman Lillie Martin.



Chairman Lillie Mae Marsh of Local 15's Education Committee marks announcements on the bulletin board in the union hall.

# Local 7 Rank and File Tell Why They'll Keep 'Seafarer' Scabs Out of Alaska



I have worked in the canneries in Alaska even during the vicious contract system, and when I voted for the CIO in the first NLRB election against the AFL in 1938 I made up my mind to stick to my union—come what it may—for Local 7 FTA. . . . The present raid by SIU-AFL against our jurisdiction will be beaten by the rank and file so overwhelmingly which will be another blow to the role of Lundeberg as a strike-breaker
Ricardo S. Castillo.

From $35.00 a month during the contract system to $400.00 a month is the story of cannery workers for the last ten years under Local 7 FTA. I will have nothing to do with a strike breaking agency like SIU-AFL, altho I am at the same time a member of an AFL union. I will, of course, vote "NO" in this election for FTA despite attacks from all sources including intimidations by the Immigration Service. Local 7 FTA can't lose in this election
Mariano Malate.

"I am an original member of former Local 5 before we amalgamated with Local 7. I have seen how the union has deteriorated when company stooges tried to capture the union for the industry until FTA and the rank and file cannery workers threw them out. The same stooges of the powerful Alaska Salmon Industry who were kicked out by Local 7 members are the so-called leaders of the raiding SIU Alasko Fish Cannery Workers Union. . . Gabriel Madrigal.

# School Call Issued For Region I

FTA Region I is going to school again. The call is out for July 10 through July 16, at Nature Friends Camp, Bechtelsville, Pa.

Delegates are chosen by the locals in the region. Each local should send as many as possible, preferably those who have not attended an FTA school before.

"The point is," says FTA Research and Education Director Joseph Califf, "to select people who will work hard when they get back to apply what they have learned, so the membership will be benefitted through constantly improved leadership."

Board and room is $22.50 for the six days, plus a $6.00 enrollment fee. Forms have been sent out to the locals and should be returned as early as possible.

# U.S. Immigration Service Hounds Local 7 Members

By Chris Mensalvas

(see page 5)

While FTA Local 7 is engaged in a bitter struggle to beat off the raid of the SIU-AFL covering its jurisdiction in the Alaska canneries, the U.S. Immigration Service both in Seattle and Portland is concentrating on a drive to hound and intimidate certain members and leaders of the local for deportation. The great majority of the 3,500 members are Filipino workers who for the most part have lived in the United States for the past 20 years.

**In Seattle alone more than 100 rank and file members were called by the Immigration office either by letter, telephone, or PERSONAL CALLS by Immigration Inspectors in an effort to coerce the men to swear or sign affidavits that certain officials are "communists." The same situation is taking place in Portland where scores of rank and filers were questioned by Immigration Inspectors.**

In Seattle where voting is taking place in the NLRB ordered election, the Immigration authorities have subpenaed George Minato a member of the local's Executive Board to "testify and to bring all records, and documents" to prove that "Chris Mensalvas and Ernie Mangaoang" are members of the Communist Party. Mensalvas is Local 7 Publicity Director and Mangaoang is Business Agent.

Meanwhile, the Civil Rights Congress in Seattle has issued thousands of printed cards advising non-citizens what to do in case of illegal arrests involving their civil rights by the police or immigration authorities.

Atty. John S. Gaughlan of Seattle and Atty. Irving Goodman of Portland are retained by the Union as their attorneys in defense of civil rights of non-citizen members of the Local.

# 110 Backs FTA On Peace, Unity

FTA Local 110 is on record backing the trip of President Henderson to attend the Paris meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions and the World Peace Congress.

The local went on record in a resolution saying: "The common people of the world must be united for peace and not for war, and for better conditions for all;

"Be it resolved that the entire membership of FTA Local 110 is 100 percent back of Donald Henderson in his recent stand at the meeting of the WFTU held in Paris."

# FTA Delegates Tell Facts of Life

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recommendation to the President: 1. A national unemployment compensation system with minimum payments of $25 a week for 26 weeks; and 2. Immediate starting of a large scale public works and low cost housing program to give jobs throughout the nation.

**TRUMAN LEADER DUCKS**

**Senator Scott Lucas, chief Democratc leaider in the Senate, flatly refused to meet the delegates on repeal of Taft-Hartley, civil rights and other "fair deal" issues. Instead, his office told them that "all this is being taken care of by the leaders."**

The interview with Senator Clyde R. Hooey (D-N. C.) was —in the words of one delegate —about what you'd expect." When the railroading of two Negro boys in Greenville to the electric chair was brought up to him, he said pompously that there was justice for all in North Carolina.

A meeting with Senator Frank P. Graham was a little more productive. Graham said he was for a federal anti-lynch bill, for a federal anti-polltax law, but would take a constitutional amendment if that proved "quicker," and didn't like the Mundt - Ferguson thought control proposals. Graham, however, qualified everything by his opposition to FEPC, telling a delegate who brought it up that "she was getting too far out in front."

Senator William R. Langer (R-N. D.), whom the delegates also saw, was emphatic for FEPC, pointing out that we could get the rest of the civil rights program in law but without FEPC it would be worthless.

**FTA members of the delegation were: Estelle Holloway, Luanna Cooper, Marcellus Penn, Bessie Watson, Franklin Darnes, Annie Little, Annie Streeter, Lynette Blackwell, Carrie Johnson and Julia Wilson.**

# FTA Fights for Democracy in CIO

Today a crisis faces the entire membership of all of the international unions affiliated to the CIO. At the meeting of the National Executive Board CIO held last month in Washington, D. C., in a series of resolutions, an attempt was made to deny to all international unions their right to determine their own policies, based upon their own international constitution, their international conventions and their local union meetings.

**An ultimatum has been served on the entire membership of FTA and the other CIO internationals that they may no longer adopt policies and programs of action which the local membership and the international constitution and the international executive board decide upon democratically in their meetings.**

President Philip Murray and a majority of the national CIO Executive Board are insisting that our program, our policies must be determined by what the majority of opinion decides in national Executive Board meetings of the CIO and national conventions of the CIO.

*FTA's Intl. Executive Board met in Philadelphia, Pa. June 8 through 11. The Board took up a number of important policy matters and passed resolutions on them.*

**The resolutions covered: Taft-Hartley law; Union Rights and Democracy in CIO; Disruption of Unions by Raiding; World Labor Unity; Unemployment and Speedup; Congress and the Truman Administration; Civil Rights; Aid to Farmers; Persecution of Harry Bridges; Unemployment Compensation for Veterans; and other matters.**

**Because of the importance of these policy decisions to every member of FTA, we reprint most of them in full on these two pages. Members are urged to study them as a guide to action.**

### CIO DICTATION

A major resolution adopted on the last day of the national Executive Board meeting of the CIO reads in part as follows: "All members of the CIO Executive Board who are unwilling to enforce the CIO constitution and carry out the instructions of the CIO conventions, and between conventions, the decisions of this Executive Board are called upon to resign as members of this Executive Board.

"All international unions affiliated with the CIO who are represented in this executive board by members unwilling to enforce the CIO constitution and carry out the instructions of CIO conventions, and between conventions, decisions of this Executive Board, are called upon to insist upon the resignation of such representatives on this Executive Board who are willing and who will comply with their constitutional obligation to enforce the CIO constitution and carry out the instructions of CIO conventions, and between conventions, decisions of this Executive Board."

In simple words this means that FTA and its representative on the national Executive Board of the CIO must accept and carry out whatever policies are determined by a majority of that Board regardless of what the national convention of FTA adopted for its program and regardless of what the membership of FTA through its various locals may determine at their meetings in accordance with their own constitution.

### MAIN ISSUE

The main issue at stake in CIO today is not however WHAT opinion our membership and our international union may want to adopt.

The issue at stake is whether our membership and our international union has a democratic and autonomous right to HAVE an opinion and a program based on its own locals and international constitutions.

To knuckle under and to capitulate to the demand that only those programs and policies which are in agreement with majority decisions of the international CIO executive board may be carried out by our membership and our international union is to give up the right of our membership and our international union to determine their own policies.

**The essential question here in this fight within CIO is not whether any particular member agrees or disagrees with a particular policy of CIO. The main question here is the right of the FTA membership and its international convention to DETERMINE its own policies and its own programs.**

In this fight there is only one question. "Does our membership and our international union under its own constitution have a right to determine its own programs and its own policies and carry them into action?"

The FTA international executive board appeals to all members of FTA throughout the country for an all-out fight to protect the autonomy and democracy of our international union and its members and of the entire CIO against this attempt to dictate and regiment.

### 15 YEARS' STRUGGLE

Fifteen years ago the CIO was founded in answer to the American workers' need for democratic industrial unionism to organize the unorganized in the mass production industries. In 1937 FTA affiliated itself to the CIO because it was the outstanding militant progressive labor organization fighting to organize the unorganized and to improve the wages and working conditions of its members.

Today some of the national leadership of CIO is following policies which are completely destroying the progressive, militant and democratic character of the CIO.

**Raiding has now become the official policy sanctioned by these national leaders in CIO. This is not organizing the unorganized, but disorganizing the organized. FTA is today a major sufferer from this bankrupt suicidal policy. In place of militant struggle for repeal of Taft-Hartley and re-enactment of the Wagner Act, one compromise after another follows from the actions of these national CIO leaders.**

In place of independent political action and organization with the right of local unions and international unions to make their final independent decisions these national CIO leaders have demanded in their resolutions that every member and every leader in our international union shall be bound in his or her political choices by the decisions of the national CIO executive board. The same vacillating compromising attitude is now being shown to practically every other bit of progressive legislation promised us in November.

The national CIO leadership is insisting by resolution that all CIO members and CIO international unions accept without criticism whatever policy is enunciated by the State Department in Washington. We in FTA insist upon our right to criticize wherever and whenever we feel such policies are not in the interests of our membership.

### MILITANCY DESTROYED

**The progressive militant character of national CIO is rapidly being destroyed. Therefore, the international executive board of FTA pledges itself and appeals to our entire membership to fight for autonomy and democracy within CIO.**

We pledge ourselves to fight for and we appeal to our members to fight for the return of the progressive militant policies and program that made CIO great.

**We pledge ourselves to continue to fight to maintain unity of CIO on the basis of that progressive and militant program and with autonomy and democracy to its international unions and their membership.**

Local 194, Chicago, Ill., poses its newly elected officers and executive board for the camera. From left, standing: Wallace Brown, trustee; Ernest Fox, sgt.-at-arms; William Ellis, chairman, Rival; Michael Jurcenko, trustee; Henry Gistover, vice-president; James Spraags, chairman, King Cole; James Thomas and Robert Beireis, 3rd and 4th vice-presidents. Seated: Wm. Blount, trustee; Veronica Kryzan, secretary-treasurer; Mary Fisk, trustee; John Gallacher, president; Josephine Chlupsa, secording secretary; Estella Dewberry, trustee; Mary Wenecky, chairman, College Inn. Absent when picture was made were Iva Boyens, 5th v-p and Geo. White.

## Strikebreaker Heads Army

R. J. Reynolds workers who fought in the Camels strike two years ago blinked a couple of times when they read that President Truman appointed Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem, N. C., to be Secretary of War.

They blinked because the armed forces are supposed to have abolished all forms of segregation and jim crow. The President said so and Gray's immediate boss, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson also said it.

**Who is Gordon Gray? He's the owner of Winston-Salem's two newspapers and most powerful radio station. Gordon Gray is the man who intervened personally in an attempt to break the Reynolds workers strike, printing smear after smear against the union and causing its leaders to be hauled up before the Congress unAmerican Committee for grilling.**

Gray is more than a strikebreaker, however. He's the son of the late chairman of R. J. Reynolds. He's the brother of Bowman Gray, now a Reynolds Director. His papers consistently, day in and day out, campaign against FTA Local 22, still try to stir up white and Negro friction to keep the Reynolds workers disunited.

*Only recently the railway union paper "Labor" revealed a gigantic strikebreaking scheme being worked out by the top army brass. In Gordon Gray the army has just the man it needs for the job.*

And as for abolishing jim crow—the Gray family has grown rich on generations of the kind of exploitation that jim crow brings to workers—Negro and white alike.

# Scores Sellout in 81st Congress

## FAILURES OF 81st CONGRESS

The record of the 81st Congress and the Truman administration is so far no better than that of the 80th Congress. Not a single pledge made to the people in the 1949 election campaign has been kept, despite the fact that the Democrats won an absolute majority in Congress on the basis of those pledges.

**The Taft-Hartley act is still on the books. The official repeal campaign staggers from one compromise to the next, with each administration move keeping still larger portions of Taft-Hartleyism in effect.**

Nothing is done on raising the minimum wage. All promises to abolish the exemptions that victimize FTA workers are ignored. Here again Administration leaders have compromised with Republicans and Dixiecrats to the point of sellout. Even the inadequate 75 cent minimum is in danger.

**The betrayal on civil rights was made in the opening days of the 81st Congress. The people have been sold out on housing, health, education—the whole of the Truman election program.**

### ENERGY FOR WAR

President Truman and the leaders in Congress have shown energy for only one thing: the Atlantic pact and the preparation for war.

Meanwhile, the Mundt-Ferguson police state bill is pushed as part of the plan to smash unions and all other progressive criticism of administration policies.

**No union with any pretensions to serving its members can condone the actions of the 81st Congress or the failure of the Truman administration to live up to its promises. All possible action must be mobilized to stop the sellout and force administration leaders to live up to their pledged word.**

We therefore urge FTA members to bring all possible pressure on their Congressmen, Senators and on President Truman for the immediate enactment of the following program:

### FTA PROGRAM

**1. Total repeal of Taft-Hartley without retaining any part of the present law, plus re-enactment of the Wagner act without amendments.**

**2. A $1.00 an hour minimum wage law and complete abolition of all seasonal and other exemptions, plus increased coverage to include agricultural workers.**

**3. Enactment of a program for national health, aid to education, housing, and the remainder of the welfare program promised before the election.**

4. Enactment of the full civil rights program, including repeal of the poll-tax, an effective FEPC, a federal anti-lynching law and outlawing of all forms of jim crow and discrimination.

**5. Abolition of the un-American Activities Committee of Congress and the halting of all forms of police state laws such as proposed in the Mundt-Ferguson bill.**

6. Dropping of the Atlantic war pact and an end to preparations for aggressive war.

**We call on all labor leaders to demand action on this program. Compromises and deals of any sort will only result in further weakening of the workers' conditions.**

## Deportation Drive Against Local 7

**The U.S. Immigration Service has taken a hand in the drive inspired by the Alaska Salmon Industry, Inc. to disrupt FTA Local 7 by threatening leading members of the union with deportation.**

The drive takes the form of threatening non-citizen members of Local 7 with deportation unless they aid the Immigration Service in its campaign to deport union leaders and thereby deprive the union of its most active members.

**The campaign comes at a time when Local 7 is fighting for its life against a combined attack by the bosses, their agents in the AFL Seafarers Union and the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Board. It also comes at the time when the local is entering negotiations for a new contract with the employers for the 1949 season.**

Therefore, the Intl. Executive Board of FTA goes on record condemning the actions of the U.S. Immigration Service against FTA Local 7 and demands the ending of all threats to deport its members.

**We commend the courage of the many members of Local 7 who have refused to help the Immigration Service in this employer-inspired campaign.**

## Persecution of Harry Bridges

Harry Bridges has been tried and cleared three times on the same charges, and has been declared not guilty by the highest court in the land, the U.S. Supreme Court.

Regardless of these three trials and acquittals, Bridges is now faced with a fourth trial on orders of U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark. Two additional leaders of Bridges' union, vice-President J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, are also being placed on trial with him.

**Despite the new form of the indictment, it is based on the three times discredited charges, and has the same objective of robbing the International Longsheremens and Warehousemens union of its top leadership.**

### MILITANT LEADER

Bridges has been a consistently militant labor leader who has helped thousands of workers win increased wages and working conditions. Workers on the west coast, the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska and elsewhere have looked to Bridges and the ILWU for the past 15 years and have benefitted greatly by Bridges' union work on their behalf.

**Bridges has been an outspoken critic of the Truman administration and the 81st Congress for their failure to make good on election promises to the workers. He has sharply opposed the Atlantic pact and other preparations for aggressive war and has never hesitated to speak out in the interest of peace and world labor solidarity.**

Therefore, the International Executive Board of FTA condemns the indictment of Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt as an attempt to damage all labor and demands that the indictment and trial be dropped at once.

We condemn the reported action of former CIO officials in preparing to testify against Bridges and we commend the refusal of others to aid in this union-busting scheme.

**We call on the national leaders of CIO to take all possible steps to defend Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt and to help their union fight off this new and vicious attack.**

**Finally, we urge all FTA locals to mobilize support for the three indicted leaders as an act of labor solidarity in defense of all unions.**

## WORLD LABOR UNITY

The World Federation of Trade Union has proved its value to workers of all countries and all industries, including workers in the food, tobacco and fiber processing industries covered by FTA.

**Despite attempts by certain officials of the CIO and of British Trades Union Congress to split the WFTU, it remains the best agency for uniting workers regardless of differences among governments or forms of society.**

The WFTU has recently begun to set up international trade union organizations to unite workers in similar industries for mutual aid in common problems. Such an organization is now being set up to cover industries under FTA jurisdiction, which will be of benefit to the members of our union and to similar unions in other countries.

### RIGHT TO SUPPORT

**Therefore, the International Executive Board of FTA reaffirms support of the WFTU and asserts our right to support all international trade union activities and organizations which will help improve the conditions of all workers in all countries, including our own.**

We commend President Henderson's action in attending as an observer the preliminary conferences on forming an international trade union department within WFTU for food and tobacco workers.

**We retain the right to support this and similar activities of benefit to the working people of the world.**

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SPEEDUP

The number of unemployed has reached five million, with thousands of workers laid off every week. A new depression is growing, despite efforts of government official and economists to minimize it by words.

**One of the main causes of unemployment and depression is the speedup, which is reaching new heights in all industries. Speedup and incentive systems, especially those in Campbell Soup and in the cigar plants, have already caused thousands of workers to lose their jobs. Unless checked, they will bring about the firing of thousands more and will hasten a full-scale depression.**

### OPPOSE SPEEDUP

We therefore urge opposition to all forms of speedup and call for strict control and abolition of incentive systems through collective bargaining.

**We pledge to continue to combat layoffs and depression by raising the wages of workers in order to increase the standard of living and to provide jobs for all who need them.**

We call on Congress and the Administration to take all necessary steps to see that workers have jobs under conditions brought about through free collective bargaining.

## AID TO VETERANS

Unless Congress acts quickly, the system of unemployment compensation for veterans of World War II will end July 25.

Growing unemployment has put hundreds of thousands of veterans out of work. Veterans, because of their youth and because they could not accumulate work experience due to their years of service are particularly subject to layoffs.

This fact, as well as their defense of their country during the war was recognized when the original bill providing 52 weeks of unemployment compensation at $20 a week was passed. The present severe unemployment in the nation has made this need greater rather than less.

**Therefore, the International Executive Board of FTA-CIO urges the majority leaders of Congress to act favorably at once on HR 3818 and HR 4621, the Marcantonio and Klein bill to extend veterans compensation for 52 weeks and to raise the amount to $35.00 a week.**

## PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS

The members of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers union are engaged in a bitter struggle with the Wilson Packing Co., one of the Big Four of the meat trust, for the survival of their union.

The Wilson Packing Co. is trying to smash the Packinghouse Workers union by wholesale firing of local union leaders, by giving super-seniority to scabs during the recent strike and by trying to set up a company union.

The Wilson Co. has also refused to recognize the union contract, although the union has won all its NLRB elections in Wilson plants by huge majorities.

### TAFT-HARTLEY ATTACK

Therefore, recognizing that this Taft-Hartley inspired attack on the Packinghouse Workers can spread to other unions, including our own, the International Executive Board of FTA goes on record in support of the Packinghouse Workers Union and pledges full aid to the union in its battle for survival.

We urge all affiliates of FTA to bring the union-busting tactics of Wilson and Co. to the attention of their members.

# Senate 'Compromises' Stifle Taft Repeal

*(See Page 2)*

The debate in the Senate on the Taft-Hartley law—whose complete repeal was President Truman's main campaign pledge to labor—has been marked by a series of "compromise" amendments that amount to a sellout of real repeal of the slave labor act. This series of "compromises" has been supported by national legislative officials of the CIO.

**Number one on the compromise parade is a clause in the Senate bill permitting government seizure of struck plants. This, as FTA pointed out to CIO President Philip Murray, is the same thing as the present injunction clause now in the Taft-Hartley law. It can be, and is, used for one purpose only—to break strikes.**

**Number two** is the so-called "anti - communist" affidavit. The Senate version strengthens Taft-Hartley by adding a new twist. Unions that already discriminate against their members on political grounds are "excused" from signing the affidavit. This, as FTA pointed out, is brazen government interference in the internal affairs of unions. It puts a premium on political jim crow that inevitably leads to its racial and national counterparts.

**Number three** is a straight Taft-Hartley hangover, which makes "refusal to bargain in good faith" by a union an unfair labor practise. Under this one, unions can be (and are) charged with "bad faith" if they refuse to accept an inadequate or tricky offer by the employer.

**Fourth** is that old phoney, "free speech" for employers. This is simply a license to the boss to use any and all kinds of threats, coercion, bullying that he chooses. Real freedom of speech is amply protected by the U. S. Constitution. Threats and intimidation against workers are protected by Taft-Hartley and its "compromise" cousins.

**Who's Compromising Who?**

Who started this path down compromise lane to sellout street? Official documents issued by national CIO officials, plus the experience of some rank and file members of CIO interviewing their Congressmen tell the story.

**Item I:** An official release called "Legis-Letter" from the CIO Legislative Dept. in Washington said that the amendments described above were introduced by "a group of liberal Senators" and urged their support.

**Item II:** National CIO officials lobbied actively for the Sims bill in the House, which contained the "compromise" amendments in a franker form, actually using the word injunction instead of weaselling with the word seizure.

Four rank and file members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO), signed a statement showing that two Democratic Congressmen (Reps. Chester Gorski and Anthony Tauriello of New York) had been told to vote for the Sims bill by CIO officials.

**Said the statement ("He Rep. Tauriello) said further that Norton Hoffman, legislative representative of the Steelworkers (CIO), told him to vote for the Sims proposals. Mr. Tauriello said he was shocked by this and told the Steelworkers representative that he was selling out his membership. Mr. Tauriello added that Hoffman is a great big guy but small as I am, I told him off."**

**Item III:** The N. Y. Journal of Commerce carried a story on June 1 headed "CIO, TAFT, REPORTED NEARING COMPROMISE ON LABOR BILL." The story went on to say that the "CIO and Senator Taft (were) drawing closer together on a new 'national emergency' strike device."

The Journal of Commerce added that Taft and national CIO lawyer Arthur Goldberg had met on the T-H proposals and that "CIO officials here say this meeting had helped clear the way toward a compromise."

The "compromise" amendments to the Thomas-Lesinski bill have been voted in the Senate with only a handful of Senators bothering to be present. Average attendance, including the supposed strong "friends of labor," has been around 12 Senators.

That's the story of "compromise" to date.

## Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union of America, CIO

The figures below are the semi-annual report of FTA, submitted by the General Secretary-Treasurer. In the past, this report has been made to the Intl. Executive Board and a copy sent to each local union, as required by the FTA constitution. Through the board members and the locals, the report has been available for inspection by any member of the union.

From now on the semi-annual report of the General Secretary-Treasurer will be printed in FTA News, so that every member can study it at his leisure.

**All members are urged to read and study the report. It is a complete account of how the dues paid to FTA by the members are spent.**

**Fraternally submitted,**

**Armando Valdes,**
**General Sec.-Treas.**

### INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
### MAY 1, 1948 TO APRIL 30, 1949

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | | |
| Dues | | $314,474.68 | |
| Initiations, Reinstatements and Permits | | 21,856.77 | |
| Assessments | | 21,862.21 | |
| Sale of Supplies, etc. | | 3,348.50 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | $361,542.16 |
| **EXPENSE** | | | |
| Per Capita to CIO | | $ 15,096.78 | |
| All Salaries | | 115,364.80 | |
| Expense Allowances | | 22,440.00 | |
| Payroll Taxes | | 2,442.80 | |
| Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Rent, Gas, Electricity | $ 7,005.73 | | |
| Telephone, Telegraph, Postage and Express | 5,905.06 | | |
| Conventions, Executive Bd. Meetings Officers' & Expenses | 26,348.58 | | |
| Office Supplies, Supplies for Sale to Locals, and Office Expenses | 9,172.69 | | |
| Depreciation and Repairs | 3,050.43 | | |
| Insurance | 1,020.11 | | |
| Auditing | 762.50 | | |
| Total Administrative Expenses Except Salaries | | $ 53,265.10 | |
| Press and Publicity Expenses | | | |
| Printing | $ 6,586.88 | | |
| Mailing | 1,043.22 | | |
| Pictures and Material | 866.18 | | |
| Travel | 1,398.81 | | |
| Total Press and Publicity Expenses Except Salaries | | $ 9,895.09 | |
| Research and Education Expenses Except Salaries | | 993.68 | |
| Washington Office Expenses Except Salaries | | 2,797.40 | |
| Field Service and Organizing Expenses | | | |
| Regions' Apportionment and Expenses | $29,843.82 | | |
| Subsidies to Locals and Administration of Local 78 | 24,661.33 | | |
| Field Travel Expenses, etc. | 55,148.22 | | |
| Strike Expenses | 6,824.95 | | |
| Legal Expenses | 7,518.73 | | |
| Total Field Servicing and Organizing Expenses, Except Salaries | | $124,017.05 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | | $346,312.70 |
| Excess of Income over Expense for Year | | | $ 15,229.46 |

On April 30, 1949, the total cash, property, receivables, etc., of the Union was $43,923.63 and the total per capita or other taxes owed, outstanding debts and unpaid bills were $65,037.85.

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|---|---|
| The deficit on May 1, 1948 was | $36,343.68 |
| The excess of income over expense for the year was | 15,229.46 |
| Total deficit on April 30, 1949, was | $21,114.22 |

# *FTA Asks End To Raiding Cites AFL, FTA Cigar Pact*

*The following resolution on raiding was passed unanimously at the June meeting of the FTA Intl. Executive Board in Philadelphia, Pa.*

FTA has repeatedly warned of the dangers to union wages and working conditions brought by raiding and other forms of union disruption. FTA itself has been subject to raids directed by officials of AFL and CIO unions. Even though FTA has successfully resisted most raids, they have weakened our campaigns for better wages and conditions by forcing our members to use their resources in self-defense instead of fighting the bosses.

**The majority of the National CIO Executive Board last month put an official OK on raiding and disruption by condemning CIO unions that have resisted it, thereby inviting further raiding and the eventual disintegration of CIO.**

Therefore, we reaffirm the opposition to all forms of raiding expressed at FTA's Seventh National Convention in February, 1949, where we called on the officers of CIO to "officially condemn all raiding and to repudiate any statements that may be issued seeking to justify such raids."

We reaffirm our support to FTA locals and other unions that may be raided or otherwise disrupted and we renew our pledge to refrain from all forms of raiding ourselves.

**We call on all unions to follow the example of FTA and the AFL Cigarmakers International Union, which recently concluded an agreement to refrain from raiding organized plants in either union and to help both unions organize the unorganized.**

The workers can never be organized by disruption from within. We call on CIO to return to the principle that made it great—ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED.

MR. BLOWHARD
WE'VE GOT TO CUT OUT ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT WAGE INCREASES, PAID HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS AND PENSIONS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GETTING TOO SOFT...
BUT HE NEVER WORRIES ABOUT GETTING SOFT HIMSELF
INCIDENTALLY, HORTENSE... I'VE ARRANGED WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO VOTE ME A $50,000 A YEAR PENSION...
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Now see here, Grogan, if you can't operate this machine in the proper manner, we're going to charge you with a stoppage!

# FTA 61 Wins 15c Straight

A straight across the board wage raise of 15 cents an hour features the new contract just signed between FTA Local 61 and the Wolverine Vault Co. of Detroit, Mich. The new contract is the second "model agreement" won by the local.

Paid vacations are set at one week for up to three years service, two weeks for three to five years and three weeks for five years or over. Holidays occurring during the worker's vacation shall be compensated either by an extra day off or an extra day's pay for the holiday. Five paid holidays are included.

Sick leave comes at the rate of one day for every three months worked, and includes both regular and seasonal workers. Sick leave is cumulative and is to be compensated if the worker leaves the company.

The union is recognized as sole collective bargaining agency with maintenance of membership. Union signers were Local Business Agent Thomas McNulty, Shop Steward Barney Kinchen and FTA Regional Director Warren Horle.

# Local 166 Holds FTA School

By Robert Olsen
President

Local 166, Marshalltown, Ia., held a labor school last month with a class of 13—six men and seven women workers. Regional Director Paul Gardner was our instructor and the class said he was a very good teacher.

We learned things and had things shown to us about unions that we never knew before. We are sorry that we could have only two days of school. for eight hours doesn't give you much time.

We have been organized since Aug. 20, 1937, and we have come a long way since then. We have our new contract signed and gained a few benefits in it. We also have a Womens Auxiliary, which we started last August.

# Protest NY Trial

A protest against attempts of Judge Harold Medina to force officials of the Communist Party now on trial in New York to act as stoolpigeons was forwarded by President Robbie Mae Riddick and Organizer L. E. McGurty of FTA Local 26, Suffolk, Va.

"We protest the attempt to force Communist party leaders to be 'stoolpigeons' on their party members," the statement said.

"[illegible] ruling is a threat [illegible] active trade union[illegible]d if permitted to be[illegible]edent could be used [illegible]rial of labor leaders in[illegible]ke."

# 78 Elects Officers

By Katherine Walters

Newly elected officers of FTA Local 78, SWH Division are: Duke Cunningham, president; Frank Brown, Edward Coffman, Blackie Huber, vice-presidents; secretary-treasurer, Edna Cooney; trustees, Anna Ellis, Guy (Lefty) Parker, Al Province; council delegate at large, Dave Forbes.

The AFL Teamsters are still trying to disrupt, but are having no success—thanks to good leadership and the quick apprehension of our rank and file. All meetings are well attended and lots of members take active part in them, which gives a healthy atmosphere.

# HERE ARE YOUR FACTS...

## PROFITS HIT NEW RECORD IN 1948

By JOSEPH CALIFF
*Research & Education Director*

As was reported here last month, profits hit another all-time record last year.

After paying all costs of doing business and taxes, American corporations had nearly 20 billion dollars left over as clear profit in 1948. This is close to two billions more than they made in 1947. It is four times as much as the five billion they made before the war, in 1939.

**The total figures for all corporations, as reported by the Federal Government, are as follows:**

| Year | Profits after taxes (billions) | Return on net worth (after taxes) (percent) |
|---|---|---|
| 1929 | 8.4 | 5.1 |
| 1939 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| 1944 | 10.8 | no data |
| 1946 | 12.8 | 7.2 |
| 1947 | 18.1 | 9.6 |
| 1948 | 19.7 | 10.3 |

The column showing return on net worth is most important since it indicates how much profit was made on the money invested in the business.

Notice especially that return on net worth was double and that dollar profits were 150 percent greater in 1948 than in 1929, at the peak of Hoover "prosperity" and just before the start of the worst depression in history.

The bosses' insatiable greed for profits has some government officials worried. The danger to the country in these huge profits has been pointed out by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, of which Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming is the chairman.

This committee recently reported to Congress that the share of the national income going to workers is decreasing while the share going to profits has steadily increased. Wages and salaries were 61.9 percent of the national income in 1939. By 1948 they had fallen to 58.9 percent. At the same time profits after taxes grew from 7.7 percent of the national income in 1939 to 9.5 percent in 1948.

The Committee goes on to warn that this 9.5 percent share going to profits is:

**"... a figure dangerously close to the excessive ratio of 10.1 percent in 1929. As hardly need be mentioned, 1929 ... was followed by one of the worst depressions in recorded economic history."**

The report also shows clearly how profits have increased at the expense of wages:

**"In 1939 private employers paid out $7.50 in wages and salaries for every dollar of net profits. In 1948 they reaped a dollar of net profits after paying out only $5.87 in wages and salaries... This compares with ...$5.37 ...in 1929, which heralded the disaster of 1932."**

The food and tobacco industries continued to make huge profits last year. Tobacco profits were the highest in history in 1948. Profits of food corporations as a whole were slightly smaller than in the record year 1947, but far ahead of any other year either before or since the war.

Profits of 156 food and tobacco companies are shown in the table below. The figures show that these companies made nearly twice as much money in 1948 as they did in 1945, when we had price control and a tax on excessive profits.

The figures also show that these companies had an average return of 15.7 percent on their net worth. This is far greater than the 10.3 percent profit on net worth which was the average for all American corporations last year.

In looking at these figures there is one very important thing to remember. These are the profits as published and admitted to by the companies themselves. Their actual profits are higher, since a considerable part of profits are hidden and do not show up in the published reports.

One example of how companies hide profits is provided by Libby, McNeill and Libby. This company reported a big drop in profits in 1948. However, during the year Libby brought and paid several million dollars for the Reid Murdoch and Co. cannery in Rochester, Minn., which is under contract to FTA Local 59. Besides this the company spent a lot more money in modernizing another plant in California. This was all paid for out of the profits mare during the year, but does not show up as profit in the company's report.

The same thing is true of California Packing Corp., which bought a big New Jersey canning firm and built several new plants during the year. Most, if not all, of the cost was paid out of the year's profits.

**AND TOBACCO COMPANIES, 1945, 1947 PROFITS AFTER TAXES OF 156 FOOD AND 1948, AND RETURN ON NET WORTH IN 1948, BY INDUSTRY GROUP***

| Industry | Number of companies | 1945 | 1947 | 1948 | Percent change 1947 to 1948 | Return on net worth 1948 (percent) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Profits after Taxes | | | | |
| Baking | 23 | $ 29,528,000 | $ 57,878,000 | $ 64,423,000 | +11.3% | 19.0% |
| Canning | 15 | 11,677,000 | 30,199,000 | 18,285,000 | —39.5 | 8.8 |
| Confectionery | 22 | 25,395,000 | 51,873,000 | 44,316,000 | —14.6 | 19.6 |
| Cottonseed and other vegetable oils | 8 | 25,844,000 | 104,374,000 | 79,134,000 | —24.2 | 21.5 |
| Dairy | 21 | 42,372,000 | 65,733,000 | 66,264,000 | + 0.8 | 12.3 |
| Fresh fruits and vegetables | 4 | 25,638,000 | 60,036,000 | 64,211,000 | + 7.0 | 23.0 |
| Grain | 15 | 29,344,000 | 78,178,000 | 62,687,000 | —19.8 | 15.4 |
| Sugar | 13 | 13,638,000 | 31,931,000 | 29,179,000 | — 8.6 | 9.8 |
| Other food | 13 | 43,876,000 | 65,260,000 | 77,820,000 | +19.2 | 16.0 |
| Total food | 134 | 247,312,000 | 545,462,000 | 506,319,000 | — 7.2 | 16.1 |
| Tobacco | 22 | 125,709,000 | 197,435,000 | 219,675,000 | +11.3 | 14.9 |
| Total Food & Tobacco | 156 | $373,021,000 | $742,897,000 | $725,994,000 | — 2.3 | 15.7 |

* Figures are for company fiscal years ending between August 31 and March 31.

# Loc. 25 Wins Cup

A trophy for "best, sustained sportsmanship" was won by FTA Local 25's basketball team. Donor of the cup was the Los Angeles, Calif. YMCA Church League. Award for the "most valuable player of the year" also went to Joe Encinas, the local's team captain.

Team members are workers at the California Walnut Growers Assn. plant in Los Angeles.

# Local 80 Elects

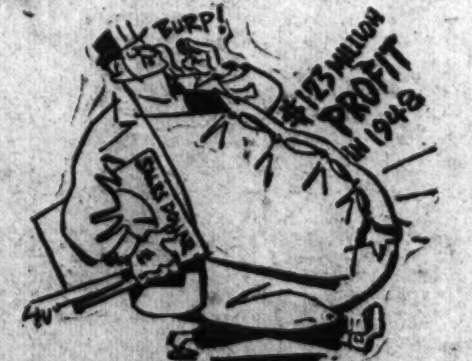
Newly elected officers of FTA Local 80, Camden, N.J. are: Herbert Kling, president; Anthony Valentino, business agent; 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, William Downing and Mary O'Brien; treasurer, Frank Di Maio; financial secretary, Charles Hauth; recording secretary, Joseph Colangelo; sgt. at arms, Ambler Bailey; chief steward, Ben Butler and trustees, W. Norris, Geo. Dance, Ever Mae Mason, Elsie Bonner, Jos. Gallo.

The local recently went on record at a membership meeting upholding the position of FTA Pres. Henderson at the recent CIO national executive board meeting and condemning autocratic attemps to dictate to CIO affiliates.

G.E. SAID, PIE-CHARTS DON'T LIE...!

"THIS PIECE SHOWS HOW LITTLE GET I...

BUT THE WONDER IS THAT G.E. GETS SO FAT...




ON THAT VERY SMALL PORTION OF PIE...!

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Workers from FTA and other progressive unions in North Carolina call on Congress and government leaders in Washington, D.C., to present the serious unemployment there to the authorities, to press for Taft-Hartley repeal and other issues. They are shown grouped around North Carolina's new Senator, Frank P. Graham. *(See story, page. 3)*

# FTA Fights for Democracy in CIO; Hits Sellout on Taft-Hartley

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## FTA Supports Aid to Farmers

Support for the "Brannan plan" of aid to farmers through subsidy payments which would permit retail prices to go down without cutting farmers' income was expressed at the June meeting of the CIO Executive Board in Philadelphia.

FTA "has consistently supported government aid to working farmers to increase their income and raise their living standards," the resolution preamble said.

The resolution said the Brannan plan's "announced objectives" of stabilizing farm income and permitting lower prices to consumers deserved support. It added that the plan "should be directed to help family size farmers, and should be accompanied by strict controls to guarantee that Middlemen and processors do not receive the benefit of lower prices without passing them on to the consumer."

"FTA members, because of their close connection with farmers, know that the family size farmer is not to blame for high food prices, but that the profiteering processors and middlemen are at fault," the resolution added.

"With these considerations, we support the Brannan plan and urge Congress to enact it as a benefit to working farmers and consumers, most of whom are workers."

## 'Semi-Servitude' Found in Louisiana

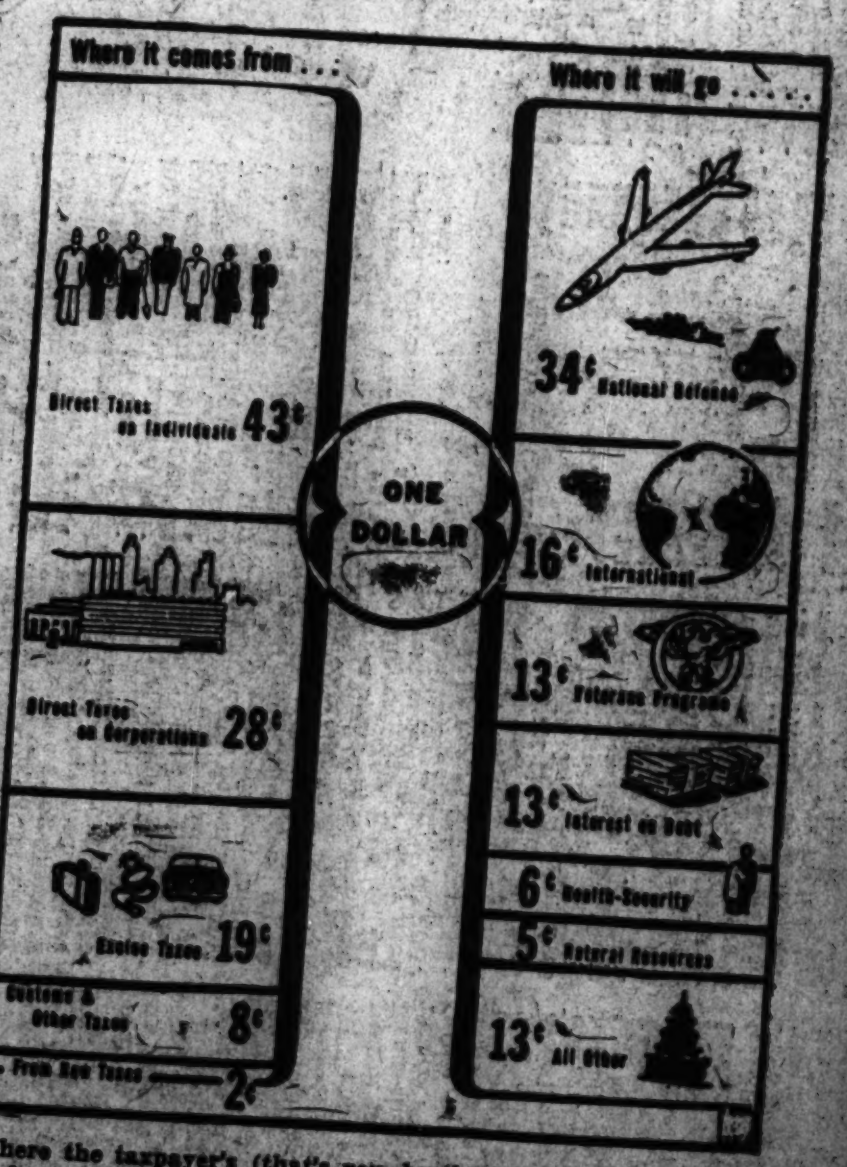
Over the past two years or more a great deal of sympathy has been expressed for the "Displaced Persons" of World War II, a carefully selected number of whom are permitted to come to this country.

*(Many of these "DP's" are nationals of eastern European countries who refused to go home after liberation, frequently because they had fought on Hitler's side during the war.)*

Employers of agricultural labor, especially in the west and down south, have been eager to employ these DP's—and have been applauded by innocent liberals for their "humanity."

Now it seems that the employers on the sugar cane plantations in Louisiana aren't quite so "humane." According to Rev. J. Stanley Ormsby of the Catholic Bishops Resettlement Program, they've been keeping the DP's in "semi-servitude," housing them in filthy shacks, not feeding them, keeping them in debt, slavery, etc.

In fact, just like native American agricultural workers are treated. . . .


Where it comes from . . .
Where it will go . . . . .
ONE DOLLAR
Direct Taxes on Individuals 43¢
Direct Taxes on Corporations 28¢
Excise Taxes 19¢
Customs & Other Taxes 8¢
From New Taxes 2¢
34¢ National Defense
16¢ International
13¢ Veterans Programs
13¢ Interest on Debt
6¢ Health-Security
5¢ Natural Resources
13¢ All Other

Where the taxpayer's (that's you, brother) buck will come from and go to is the theme of this chart. Note that the biggest slice (43c) comes from direct taxes, which bear most heavily on the low incomes. Another 19 cents comes from "excise" taxes, which are really sales taxes again bearing most heavily on the poor. Note too that the biggest slice of your buck (34c) goes out for war—described more politely as "national defense." Wars past take another 26 cents for veterans and debt interest. The 16 cents marked "international" also goes for war preparation, through the Marshall plan, etc. Total left for peace—26 cents.

## Polio Precautions

During hot summer months, a good health rule for children is to avoid over-fatigue caused by too active play or exercise, or irregular sleeps. This rule is particularly important in polio epidemic areas.

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